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16 October 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

SUBJECT : Weekly Activities Report
12 October - 16 October 1970

GENERAL

1. Messrs. [REDACTED] and
I attended the Operations Training Conference [REDACTED] on
14-15 October 1970.

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2. On 13 and 14 October, Special Agents Oscar F. Simon and James J. McMahon, Program Coordinators, Special Training Division, Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, presented a program on narcotics and dangerous drugs to over 500 CIA personnel at the Auditorium at Headquarters. The presentations included lectures, films, question and answer periods, one tape recording, several sample displays, and printed handouts. The BNDD speakers were middle-aged men, experienced in field operations, but not the most polished speakers. They were apparently knowledgeable, but often strongly opinionated.

The audience seemed to be intensely interested in the subject matter. Many listened, standing, because all seats were taken. Agent McMahon was applauded after each of his presentations, and the audience responded with mixed reactions ranging from laughter to disgust to his jokes and comments. Some listeners felt that McMahon's language was unnecessarily crude. Audience overall reaction to the two-day presentation varied from high acceptance to extreme criticism of McMahon's language.

In brief summary, the topic and presentation was most controversial and lively. One would probably get at least 500 different reactions to this program depending upon the background of the listeners. Some people were there out of curiosity, some because of professional interest, some

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because of personal or family-related narcotics or dangerous drug problems, and some who simply wanted to get away from their work syndrome for a couple of days. At this time, we don't know if there will be a call to repeat this performance. It may be more practical, and certainly more trouble free, if Agency employees seek information on this topic on their own time and according to their own specific interests. The fact will remain that you can't please all of the people all of the time.

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3. There were thirty-seven students in the third running of the High Risk of Capture Briefing on 15 October.

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4. This week Mr. [REDACTED] discussed the scheduled EUR Course (2-6 November) with divisional offices. EUR wants to cancel the course due to low enrollment (6) and the fact that several EUR officers are either on TDY's or in language training.

5. At the request of SIWA, [REDACTED] briefed Mr. Harold Brownman (new Director, DDS&T/OSP) and three other senior DDS&T officers, on the Clandestine Service. A major emphasis in this briefing was on the OTR role in the cross training of CS and DDS&T officers.

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6. Staff Training has assisted the [REDACTED] Desk in planning a one-week briefing on the organization, planning, and techniques of training for the Inspector General for Training of the [REDACTED]. This briefing will take place at Headquarters during the week of 26 October. SIWA, the Support School, and other training officers will do the briefing.

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7. Seven programs involving thirty-one trainees were conducted, two in Washington, one in New York, and four TDY.

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Acting Chief, Operations School/TR

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